

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 1, 2005 has been fully considered by the Applicant. Claims 1, 12-14 have been currently amended. Claims 3-7 and 9-11 have been previously presented. Claims 2 and 8 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,111,614 to Magura et al.

Applicant believes that currently amended independent claims are patentable over the cited reference.

Claim 1 has been amended to include a television system having display screen and a broadcast data receiver for the reception of data broadcast from a broadcaster at a remote location. The data includes any or any combination of video, audio and/or auxiliary data and at least part of the data being processed by the broadcast data receiver to generate an electronic program guide. The electronic program guide contains information relating to a range of programs available for viewing at that instant or in the future and for displaying the electronic program guide on the display screen. The broadcast data receiver is provided with a facility allowing a user to select to view from the electronic program guide a visual display of each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programs available for viewing at that instant or for a particular time period in the future. A selectably entered pre-determined display time for each pre-determined selected program is also provided. And upon user selection of the facility, the broadcast data receiver shows a visual display of each predetermined program for the selectably entered pre-determined display time in sequence for the selectably entered pre-determined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of

programs, have been shown for the selectably entered pre-determined period of time. These features are not found or taught in the '614 Magura et al patent. Therefore, Applicant sincerely believes that currently amended claim 1 is novel and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Applicant's invention, as currently amended, provides for a television system having a broadcast data receiver that shows each program in sequence for a selectably entered pre-determined period of time until such time that either a user makes a selection of a particular program from the sequence at a time when a particular program is being shown or until the showing of all programs in the sequence for the selectably entered pre-determined period of time has been completed. Once the selectably entered pre-determined period of time sequence has begun, the user of Applicant's invention is not required to indeterminately surf channels for viewing, as suggested by Examiner Chang, since in Applicant's invention there is no need for user intervention after the display sequence has begun. Applicant's invention eliminates the need to independently finger surf each channel for an indeterminate period of time in search of the most viewable channel. Clearly, Applicant's invention overcomes the burden of real-time channel surfing, as required in the '614 Magura et al patent, to locate a program. Applicant sincerely believes that currently amended claim 1 is novel over the '614 Magura et al patent and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

In addition, the user of the '614 Magura et al patent must move the point over the electronic program guide to the box containing another program in order to see a number of different program displays. This is in contrast to Applicant's currently amended claim 1 wherein the user can select a view from the electronic program guide, a visual display of each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programs available for viewing at that instant or for a particular time period in the future and

a selectably entered pre-determined sequential display time for each pre-determined selected program(s) is provided and on user selection of the facility, the broadcast data receiver shows a visual display of each pre-determined program(s) for the selectably entered pre-determined display time in sequence until the user either makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all of the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs, have been shown for the selectably entered pre-determined period of time. This is not taught or suggested in the cited reference and Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 3-7 and 9-11 depend on independent claim 1 and are believed novel over the '614 Magura et al patent as stated herein.

Claim 12 has been currently amended to include a broadcast data receiver being connected to or integrally formed with a display screen, and receiving data from a broadcaster at a remote location, said data including any or any combination of video, audio and/or auxiliary data, at least part of said data being processed by the broadcast data receiver to generate an electronic program guide containing information relating to a range of programs for viewing at that instant or in the future and displaying said electronic program guide on the display screen, said broadcast data receiver is provided with a facility allowing a user to select to view from the electronic program guide a visual display for each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programs available for viewing for a particular time period and a selectably entered pre-determined sequential display time for each pre-determined selected program is provided, and, on user selection of the facility, the broadcast data receiver shows each program in sequence for said selectably entered pre-determined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs, have been shown for the pre-determined period of time.

The '614 patent does not teach the concept of a broadcast data receiver being provided in part with a facility that allows a user to select to view from an electronic program guide a visual display for each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programs available for viewing for a particular time period and a selectably entered pre-determined sequential display time for each pre-determined selected program. The broadcast data receiver shows, upon user selection of the facility, each program in sequence for said selectably entered pre-determined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs, have been shown for the pre-determined period of time, as in Applicant's invention. This feature is novel and therefore Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

In addition, the program selection in the '614 Magura et al patent is done in real time (i.e. channel surfing) and not as in Applicant's currently amended invention in a selectably entered pre-determined time. Clearly, currently amended claim 12 is novel over the '614 Magura et al patent and, therefore, Application therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 13 has been currently amended to provide for an electronic program guide having as a part thereof a facility provided by a broadcast data receiver for selection by a user using the electronic program guide allowing the user to select to view, for a selectably entered pre-determined period of time, a visual display for each, or a pre-determined selection, of the programs available for viewing for a particular time period and upon user selection of the facility, the electronic program guide shows each program in sequence for the selectably entered pre-determined period of time until a user makes a selection of a particular program being shown or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection of programs have been shown for the selectably entered pre-determined

period of time. Applicant believes that currently amended claim 13 is novel over the '614 patent to Magura et al and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 14 has been currently amended to include a method for reviewing a number of programs identified in an electronic program guide being generated from a broadcast data receiver for display on a display screen including the steps of a user selecting to view, for a selectably entered pre-determined period of time, all or a pre-determined selection, of programs available for viewing at that instant or for a particular time period in the future; generating visual displays by the broadcast data receiver for each program in sequence for the selectably entered pre-determined time periods and showing each program in sequence for the selectably entered pre-determined period of time until the user makes a selection of a particular program or until all the programs available, or the pre-determined selection or programs, have been shown for the pre-determined period of time.

The '614 patent does not include a method for reviewing programs identified in an electronic program guide having the step as a part thereof of showing each program in sequence for a selectably entered pre-determined period of time until the user either makes a selection or all of the programs or the pre-determined program selection have been shown for the selectably entered pre-determined period of time. Applicant sincerely believes that currently amended claim 14 is novel over the '614 patent and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

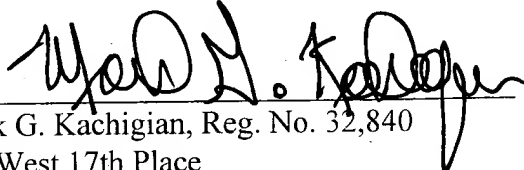
It is believed that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If, for any reason, the claims are not in condition for allowance it is because of a mistake or a misunderstanding of the Office Action and, in such case, Examiner Chang is invited to call the

undersigned at (918) 587-2000 so that any remaining amendments to place the application in condition for allowance can hopefully be achieved in a telephone interview. If any additional fees are associated with this action, please charge deposit Account No. 08-1500.

Respectfully Submitted

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